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## Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to extend cattle grazing by Rock Creek Cattle Company on the Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area (WMA) through 2013, while FWP explores options for boundary adjustments and fencing.

The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, by phoning 406-542-5540, or by emailing <a href="mailto:shrose@mt.gov">shrose@mt.gov</a>. The EA will be posted for review and comment on FWP's Internet website <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> ("Recent Public Notices") beginning no later than November 2.

Comments or questions should be directed to Sharon Rose at the address, phone or email above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2012.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP's WMA grazing lease proposals, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its December meeting in Helena.

Sincerely,

Mack Long

Regional Supervisor

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